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SUBJ: INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN NEWSPAPER

1. CAIRO PRESS DEC 17 CARRIES EXTRACTS FROM SADAT INTERVIEW
WITH IRANIAN JOURNALISTS MASOUDI, OF ETALAAT NEWSPAPER.

HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

A) MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY WAY TO PREVENT
EXPLOSION IN ME IS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE. " IF
ISRAELIS ARE CONVINCED THAT PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED BY FORCE,
THEN WE CAN BEGIN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE."

B) GOE/USG CONTACTS. CONTACTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY WITH PRESIDENT
FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. "WE SHALL SEE RESULTS IN NEAR
FUTURE AND WE CAN THEN DECIDE."

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C) GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST DEAL WITH PALESTINIAN

PROBLEM. WE SHALL THEREFORE ASK FOR PARTICIPATION OF "THE PALESTINIANS".

D) QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE. CONTACTS ARE IN PROGRESS TO CONVENE QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE "WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN JORDANIANS AND PALESTINIANS ACCORDING TO UN RESOLUTIONS".

E) NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MIDDLE EAST. ANSWERING QUATIONS ABOUT "GOI THREAT TO LAUNCH ATOMIC WAR", SADAT NOTED STATEMENT MADE BY KATZIR WAS DENIED BY RABIN, WHICH "SHOWS THERE IS SOMETHING BEHIND THIS PROGAGANDA ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH AIMS AT INTIMIDATING US". HOWEVER, "WE SHALL NOT BE INTIMATE ." EGYPTI WIL NOT INTRODUCE ATOMIC WEAPONS TO ME AND WILL NOT BE FIRST T USE NUCLEAR ARMS. ASKED IF ISREAL HAS NUCLEAR FORCE NOW, SADAT SAID "I BELIEVE SO", ADDING EGYPT DOES NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR FORCE.

2. COMMENT: TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST EXPOSURE IN CAIRO MEDIA OF PRESIDENT KATZIR'S REMARKS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS. EILTS

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